

# Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker



Whether growing up in New Hampshire or somewhere else, kids dream about what they want to be when they grow up. They fantasize and play act the part. Many want to be a fireman or a police officer. Many want to be a sports star or movie star. Some want to be an astronaut, a pilot, a lawyer. How about you?

Remember the nursery rhyme about *the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker*? These are words many of us have spoken in our playtime activities from years ago. Maybe it's one of these occupations that interests you most.

## Butcher, retail

If you choose this occupation here are a few things you could expect. Employment in this occupation is projected to decline by 7.3 percent in New Hampshire from 1998 to 2008, losing 55 positions by 2008. The average salary is \$11.70 an hour. Individuals in this occupation cut, trim, and prepare meat for sale

and for use in food service businesses. While training time can vary greatly depending on the task, training time is generally long-term (over twelve months) on-the-job. Apprenticeship is also a common training option.

## Baker

So, you want to be a baker? This occupation has a projected growth rate of 19.4 percent from 1998 to 2008 for New Hampshire. An estimated 195 new positions will be added by 2008. The salary is an average of \$8.82 per hour. Individuals in this occupation mix and bake ingredients according to recipes to produce baked goods for consumption. Training is generally moderate-term (one to twelve months) on-the-job. Training may also be obtained through an apprenticeship or military service.

## Candlestick Maker

This job falls under a couple of occupational titles. If you choose to be a hand molder or caster of candles,

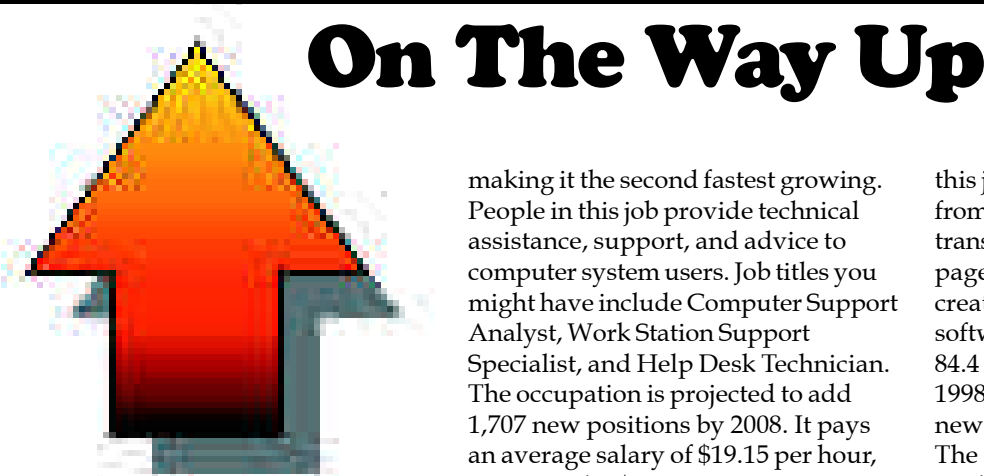
here are a few things you could expect. This occupation has a projected growth rate of 16.7 percent from 1998 to 2008 in New Hampshire, adding 13 positions by 2008. It has an average pay of \$9.60 an hour. Workers in this job mold and cast a variety of items, using hand tools or hand-held power tools. The training time is generally short-term (a short demonstration) on-the-job.

If you choose to be a candle painter, coater, or decorator, you can expect employment to grow an estimated 15.3 percent from 1998 to 2008 for New Hampshire, adding 24 positions by 2008. It pays an average of \$10.38 an hour. Workers in this job paint, coat, and decorate a variety of items using hand tools or hand-held power tools. The training time is generally short-term (a short demonstration) on-the-job.

Regardless of the choice you have already made or will be making someday soon, you might be interested to know a little about your future occupation. All jobs are not

created equal, you know. Will our technologically-inclined society still require the services or products you would provide? Some occupations will be increasing in positions, some will be declining, and some will grow faster than others. Some professions require more education than others. Oh yes, some jobs pay more, and some pay less. Where does your choice fall in these areas?

For a glimpse of just a few occupations that are among the fastest growing, see below. For some that are declining, see adjoining page.



## On The Way Up

### Computer Scientist

If you are interested in computers, you might like this occupation, which ranks as the fastest growing in New Hampshire. Computer Scientists perform many of the same functions as other computer professionals but are distinguished by the higher level of theory and innovation in their job. They may also be employed as theorists, researchers, or inventors. The projected growth rate for this occupation is 102.9 percent in New Hampshire from 1998 to 2008. An estimated 594 new positions will be created by 2008. As far as salary goes, it pays an average of \$20.14 an hour, or just under \$42,000 a year. Training required can vary greatly, but individuals interested will generally need at least a Bachelor's degree.

### Computer Support Specialist

Another computer occupation with a fine growth rate--87.9 percent--from 1998 to 2008 in New Hampshire,

making it the second fastest growing. People in this job provide technical assistance, support, and advice to computer system users. Job titles you might have include Computer Support Analyst, Work Station Support Specialist, and Help Desk Technician. The occupation is projected to add 1,707 new positions by 2008. It pays an average salary of \$19.15 per hour, or just under \$40,000 a year. Training requirements can vary, but generally a Bachelor's degree is needed.

### Systems Analyst

So, are you into computers? Good! People in this occupation analyze science, engineering, business, and all other data processing problems for application to electronic data processing systems. It is the third fastest growing occupation. The growth rate is an estimated 87.4 percent for New Hampshire from 1998 to 2008, and 2,364 new positions are projected by 2008. As far as salary goes, it pays an average of \$25.31 an hour, or about \$52,500 a year. Individuals interested in this occupation should have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. (For more information on systems analysts, see the article on Page 7.)

### Desktop Publishing Specialist

Yes, we're still talking about computers--are you surprised? This occupation ranks as the fourth fastest growing. On a computer, a person in

this job calls up type and art elements from computer memory and transforms them into a completed page. This whole newspaper was created in desktop publishing software. The projected growth rate is 84.4 percent for New Hampshire from 1998 to 2008, and an estimated 152 new positions will be created by 2008. The average salary is \$13.56 an hour, or about \$28,000 a year. Training has generally been long-term (over twelve months) on-the-job training, but it is expected that as the position gets more complex, higher levels of training will be required. More and more individuals are completing formal graphic arts or other postsecondary programs in printing technology.

### Database Administrator

Yes, yes, I know, we're still talking about computer positions. Well, the five fastest growing positions in New Hampshire involve computer technology in one way or another. People in this occupation coordinate physical changes to computer databases, and code, test, and implement databases. The projected growth rate in New Hampshire from 1998 to 2008 is 72.6 percent, with an estimated 215 new positions by 2008. It is the fifth fastest growing. The average salary is \$24.58 an hour, or about \$51,000 a year. Individuals interested in this occupation should have at least a Bachelor's Degree.

10 Fastest Growing Jobs in New Hampshire	
Occupation	Ave. Hourly Wage <sup>(1)</sup>
Computer Scientists, NEC	\$20.14
Computer Support Specialists	\$19.15
Systems Analysts	\$25.31
Desktop Publishing Specialists	\$13.56
Database Administrators	\$24.58
Health Practitioners, NEC	\$41.37
Home Health Aides	\$8.24
Instructional Coordinators	\$18.19
Physician Assistants	\$25.40
Dietetic Technicians	\$9.89

NEC=Not Elsewhere Classified

10 Fastest Declining Jobs in New Hampshire	
Occupation	Ave. Hourly Wage <sup>(1)</sup>
Textile Machine Operators & Tenders	\$9.74
Sewing Machine Operators, Garment	\$8.61
Shoe/Leather Workers	\$7.35
Woodworking Machine Operators & Tenders	\$8.86
Word Processors & Typists	\$10.78
Computer Operators, Except Peripheral Equipment	\$14.96
Photographic Process Machine Operators	\$9.17
Proofreaders & Copy Markers	\$9.93
Announcers, Radio & TV	\$9.79
Switchboard Operators	\$8.92

(1) 1998 average wages. Wage rates include all levels of experience and should not be viewed as entry-level. Wages do not include self-employed workers.